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War ready

Team Charleston members listen to a briefing before they go out on patrol during the deployment exercise Wednesday. The exercise is in preparation for an Air Mobility Command Expeditionary Operational Readiness Inspection set for January 2004. Nearly 200 CAFB members participated in the exercise.

11:30 a.m. today at Fitness Center

Wing Turkey Trot, **TOPS IN BLUE**

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Happy Thanksgiving, **Charleston**

COMMENTARY

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By Col. Brooks Bash

437AW commander

Hello Team Charleston! We have completed another busy week and are heading into the holiday season. We play a vital role in supporting the war on terrorism and our commitment to that isn't going to lessen anytime soon. I am very proud of the hard work you do each and every day, please ensure you take time and relax this holiday season. Spend time with your families because without their support, we wouldn't be able to accomplish all the things we do. Thank you for all that you do.

Mobility exercise

Our mobility exercise wrapped up Thursday. Nearly 200 Charleston warriors processed for the mock deployment. Coordination and teamwork that helped make it a success. I know we stretched many of your units to participate in this exercise, but preparing for all aspects of our wing's mission is necessary. We will continue to train to prepare for our big inspection in early 2005.

Tops In Blue

If you did not attend Tops In Blue Tuesday at the Performing Arts Center, you missed an excellent performance. The Charleston turnout was the largest showing for any stop on the Tops In Blue tour. Our very own **Airman 1st Class Jeanette Lagania** from the 437th Airlift

Wing Command Post was one of the vocalists. She did a phenomenal job!

Turkey Trot

The Turkey Trot is at 11:30 a.m. today in front of the Fitness Center. More than 400 people showed up at the last run, and I hope we will have an even better showing this time! Also, I ask everyone to bring a new toy to deposit in the Toys for Tots box, which will be posted in front of the Fitness Center. Toys for Tots is a fundraiser sponsored by the Marines to ensure every child has a toy to unwrap for Christmas. Let's do our part to help them out.

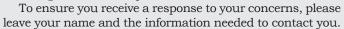
Holiday safety

With the holidays fast approaching, many of us will travel to visit our families and friends. Make sure you plan your driving route ahead of time. One of the most important steps you can take is to put on your seatbelt. Don't risk your life or the lives of your family members by not buckling up. Take frequent breaks while on the road, and try to do most of your driving during daylight hours.

And if you plan to drink this holiday season, plan ahead! Have a designated driver, call a cab or make arrangements ahead of time to stay where you are. The consequences of other choices are not worth it. Please be safe and responsible.

The Commander's Action Line is your direct link to me. It's your opportunity to make Charleston AFB a better place to live, work and play.

First, give the appropriate base agency a chance to solve the problem, but if you don't get a satisfactory answer, call me at **963-5581**, or send an e-mail to **action@charleston.af.mil**.





Col. Brooks Bash

Keep operational security in mind

By Maj. Charles Schlegel

437 AW Plans

During lunchtime at a local restaurant, just outside the gates of an overseas air base, four coworkers reflected on their day and their future challenges when an attractive, young blonde approached and asked to borrow their salt. Her accent and mannerisms immediately identified her as a fellow American to the coworkers at the table. During the next few minutes, she explained she was TDY at the base for an exercise when some real world events pulled her away.

The story was familiar for the four young soldiers, and they sympathized with her plight. When she asked how the exercise was going, they eagerly updated her on the details about the progress of the exercise.

Fortunately, the exercise was not real world and the young lady was part of a counterintelligence team testing the exercise participants. Unfortunately, the four failed the counterintelligence test, and later had to educate their units by briefing everyone about their experience.

Everyone reading this is probably thinking, "That could never happen to me."

While this case might be extreme, think of all the little pieces of information in which we come into contact with every day: short-notice TDYs, increase in missions, surges in operations tempo, changes in operating hours, new immunizations and a rush of personnel to legal for wills. These are just a few indicators that could tip off an adversary to a pending or ongoing operation.

Even our day-to-day operations and processes are valuable pieces of a puzzle to an adversary. When enough pieces are collected, anyone could form a fairly accurate picture of our operations. Weaknesses can then be exploited, and our own strengths turned against us.

What can we do to battle this unseen enemy? Practice good operation security; not only at work, but also 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Every phone should have a list of critical information items next to it. While these pieces of information are not classified, they are of such a sensitive nature that you should not

discuss them except on a need-to-know basis and by taking proper precautions, to include using secure communications.

One very easy way to increase our overall security is to shred everything ... that's right, everything. I find it is just as easy to shred everything as it is to sort through every piece of paper to determine its value. After all, what might not seem important to you could be another piece of the puzzle an adversary was looking for to complete his picture.

There are many ways all of us can improve the overall security of Team Charleston and the nation. I ask each of you to make OPSEC a habit in your life. Constantly think about OPSEC while you conduct your daily business. Practicing good OPSEC will make certain aspects of your job more difficult, but the consequences of bad OPSEC are disastrous.

For more information on OPSEC, go to https://amc.af.mil/OPSEC/index.cfm or contact your unit OPSEC representative.

Ask your unit OPSEC representative for a list of critical information items for your unit, and remember to practice good OPSEC.

Develop a unique leadership style

By Maj. Robert Blue

437 CPTS commander

By now, you have heard many versions of what leadership may or may not be. You've listened to opinions on whether leadership is a learned trait or whether it's genetic in nature (hence, "you either have it or you don't"). You've seen examples of strong successful leaders, weak leadership and everything in between.

Who you are, your life experiences, your "want to" attitude and your willingness to unlock your potential will ultimately determine where you fall on the leadership spectrum. Don't let anyone tell you that you can't be a leader, or you are only an effective leader if you look, talk or act a certain way. It's all a lie. Leadership is not owned by a certain somebody.

Leadership is just a word describing what you do. It can't be bought, stolen or developed in a lab. It's not leadership that leads, but you who leads.

Once you learn to take charge of your leadership style, even if you pattern it after someone else, it's going to be all your's, and it will be unique.

While developing your leadership style, there are five character traits you should use to effectively influence others toward a common goal.

To effectively lead, I cannot overemphasize courage. You have to know going into your leadership role that there will be opposition. The opposition will come in various forms. People generally don't like change, don't like being led by other peers, and there will always be someone who can recollect issues being tried before but didn't work (usually absent from the recollection is why it didn't work since the reason could help you to a quicker solution).

Remember, this is a natural process, and and you shouldn't take it personally. Just think back to when you were on the opposite end of leadership ... you didn't like all those

worth repeating

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-Maj. Robert Blue

437th Comptroller Squadron commander

great ideas either. The bottom line is you will need courage to stand up to that opposition. Knowing where you are going will aid your courage immensely.

You need *foresight* to determine where you are going. This is where your vision and goals will help you chart a path. Have you ever run toward an object and leapt over it? You may not have realized it, but on your approach you looked beyond that obstacle and determined where you had to land, how high you needed to jump and how fast you had to run to do it.

Leadership is no different. Your people need to see your vision, beliefs and proposed outcomes. When they see the landing spot, they will give it a try. Take that earlier example; think of a time when you tried to jump over something, but you didn't know what was on the other side of the leap – I bet you didn't jump, did you? Your whole body, from head to toe, had an opinion on whether you should jump, right? I'm willing to bet unless there was a really big angry dog just inches from your backside, you wouldn't take the leap.

If you don't know where you are going, your people won't know either, and everyone will have an opinion on why you shouldn't do it. You will find yourself at a standstill. So lead with the end game first so that it will be in everyone's sight. Then be flexible and let your people (the experts) help you chart a clear path.

Your people will expect you to lead, but be *flexible* enough to add them into the process.

Many times when you add their ideas to your own, the outcome is far better than what you expected. So be flexible in your planning and execution phase. Avoid spending time fitting a circle into a square. The only thing that should matter is you are continually marching toward accomplishing your goal within a prescribed timeframe. This may require patience on your part.

I'll be the first to admit, time is not always a luxury. However, many times we put unnecessary time constraints on ourselves and end up with a fast, but less than worthy, product. Particularly if you are changing processes, you have to treat it like a flower. You plant the seed, nurture it with water, sun and soil, protect it from weeding, and watch it grow.

Your leadership efforts to improve, change, or establish new processes will take time to become part of the organization's culture. So be *patient* and prepared to continually groom the change until it's an embedded process.

Finally, you have to *communicate* all the above by your words and actions. If you leave your team in the dark, that is where they will be until you wake up and realize you can't do the mission by yourself.

You must be able to verbally communicate your goals, vision and predicted outcome to every level of your command and control. In case you didn't know, your actions will also communicate your courage, foresight, flexibility and patience. In fact, your actions will speak much louder than anything you will ever say

Anyone can be a leader and employ effective leadership; however, it wasn't meant to be easy or even for the faint of heart. If you are willing to take on your leadership role with courage, foresight, flexibility, patience and communication skills, you may stumble at times, but all in all, you will lead just fine. What's ultimately important is finding the leadership in you.

Remember, no matter what you do; leadership will never get a bad name. Why? It's not leadership, but you who leads.

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NEWS

Air Reserve technician claims 30-year pin

Story and photo by Staff Sgt. Jason Smith $437\,AW\,Public\,Affairs$

An air Reserve technician in the 315th Airlift Wing received his 30-year service pin recently to commemorate the three decades he has served the Air Force.

Les Hanks, 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron mechanic, began his career in 1972 when he joined the service as an active-duty airman.

"I did one hitch on active," said Mr. Hanks. "I was out for a little while, and then became an (air Reserve technician) at Hill AFB, Utah."

During his active-duty and ART time, Mr. Hanks said he worked in the electro-environmental field on fighter aircraft. His job didn't change until he left to pursue a job opportunity at a Veteran's Hospital in Florida in 1994. Shortly after arriving, he transferred to the Reserves at Charleston AFB.

In 2000, Mr. Hanks gave up the VA job in Florida, and took an ART position at CAFB.

The transition from fighters to cargo planes went smoothly for Mr. Hanks. He said the training was exceptional, and the major difference was in the size of his work area.

"The C-17 is more complicated than the fighters, but there is a lot more room," said Mr. Hanks. "There's not much on this jet that we're not responsible for maintaining and fixing."

As long as he's on the flightline, Mr. Hanks said he doesn't care what aircraft he's working on. He loves the duties here, but will always miss working on the F-105 Thunder Chief.

Although the F-105 was Mr. Hanks' favorite, he said his most challenging job was fixing a particular F-16 Fighting Falcon while stationed at Hill AFB.

"One Reserve weekend (at Hill AFB), I remember my boss told me one of our planes broke in Hawaii on the way to Japan," said Mr. Hanks. "He told me to get it fixed."

Mr. Hanks said he immediately went to work on organizing the trip, and a co-worker and he arrived in Hawaii the next day with the equipment they needed to fix the aircraft.

"We got to work as soon as we got there, and we got it fixed and launched it out the next morning," said Mr. Hanks. "It was able to make its mission and meet up with the tanker to make it the rest of the way to Japan."

Throughout his more than 30 years of service, Mr. Hanks said his mother and father, Leslie and Rae Hanks of Angola, N.Y., have supported him in every sense possible.

"This pin was a big deal for me," said Mr. Hanks. "It's also a big deal for my parents. They didn't talk me into joining the service, but they have been there for everything."

Debra Hanks, Mr. Hanks' wife since April, has also been supportive of him, even during the time they were just dating. Mr. Hanks said she understands his job could involve long hours and even time away from home, and she was excited for him when he reached his recent milestone.

"I actually hit my 30-year mark Sept. 11," said Mr. Hanks. "I had no idea I would be doing this for so long, but I wouldn't be here if I didn't love my country. This is the greatest country in the world, and I'm proud to have served for so long"

Although 30 years might sound like an eternity to some, Mr. Hanks said when he stops to think about his career, he doesn't know where the time went.



Les Hanks, 315th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron air Reserve technician, monitors gauges and radio frequencies on a C-17. Mr. Hanks recently received his 30-year civilian service pin for his service.

"His experience shows," said Master Sgt. James White, 315 AMXS awards and decorations NCOIC. "He's a good, stand-up guy and an experienced worker. When there's a job that needs to be done, you don't have to go looking for him. He knows what to do, and he's already out there doing it."

Mr. Hanks said he plans on using his experience and serving for at least another four years. He hopes to stay on the flightline the whole time.

Packing up

Staff Sgt. Joshua Wickster, 437th
Security Forces Squadron, checks
through his C-bag in preparation for an
upcoming deployment. Air Expeditionary Force Silver kicked off Saturday
and is set to run through March. Normal AEF rotations are scheduled to
start up again then.



Photo by Airman 1st Class Amy Perry





Tops In Blue vocalists performs a number during their show Tuesday at the North Charleston Performing Arts Center. More than 2,000 Charleston residents enjoyed the free show.

Jops In Blue dazzles Jeam Charleston





Photos by Airman 1st Class Darnell Cannady

Top: Two drummers for Tops In Blue perform the opening number for the performance.

Left: Team Charleston's own Airman 1st Class Jeanette Lagania, 437th Airlift Wing Command Post, dances during one of the many numbers performed by Tops In Blue.

AROUND THE AIR FORCE

Discrimination, harassment hot line available

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas -- The Air Force's hot line for reporting unlawful discrimination and sexual harassment remains open for business.

The quickest method to resolve complaints is by visiting the local base military equal opportunity or the equal employment office, Air Force Personnel Center officials said.

"But the hot line is here for anyone who thinks they need to call, whenever they need to call," said Greg Den Herder, the personnel center's executive director.

The phone numbers are toll free 1-800-616-3775, DSN 665-5000 or commercial (210) 565-5000. People overseas without easy access to overseas lines can e-mail contact.center@randolph.af.mil, visit www.afpc.randolph.af.mil to send Web mail or chat live with a customer service representative. Letters can also be sent to the MEO office at HQ AFPC/DPSFOS, 550 C Street West Post K, Randolph AFB, TX 78150. (Air Force Print News)

Two programs help officers join JAG Corps

WASHINGTON -- Company grade officers who want to join forces with the Air Force's Judge Advocate General Corps will have a chance from January to March.

Two programs, the Funded Legal Education Program and the Excess Leave Program, allow active-duty officers to pursue law degrees without ever leaving the Air Force, and to serve in the JAG Corps. Both programs begin accepting applications in January, and will provide the Air Force with lawyers who already have a good understanding of the military, JAG officials said.

Applicants must have completed all application forms and applied to a law school that has been accredited by the American Bar Association; however, acceptance into the school is not required at time of application. They must also receive their Law School Admissions Test results and complete a staff

judge advocate interview by March

For more information, e-mail Capt. Theresa Bruno of the JAG professional development division at <u>Theresa.bruno@pentagon.af.mil</u>, call 1-800-JAG-USAF, or visit <u>www.jagusaf.hq.af.mil</u>. (Air Force Print News)

Air Force board game debuts Dec. 1

WASHINGTON -- A new game is scheduled to hit the shelves of base exchanges Dec. 1 when the Army and Air Force Exchange Service introduces Air Force Edition Monopoly.

According to the game box, "You've been appointed a joint air-component commander and must assemble your forces to deploy and fight the enemy. As you accumulate air expeditionary squadrons and wings, remember the words of the Air Force chief of staff, 'Victory

belongs to those who can most quickly collect intelligence, communicate information and bring capabilities to bear against targets around the globe."

Players navigate the board with a B-2 Spirit, an air traffic control tower, the F/A-22 Raptor, a satellite, an unmanned aerial vehicle or a C-17 Globemaster III. Even the money is custom made to complement the Air Force theme.

The game can be purchased online at http://www.aafes.com starting Nov. 18 and in stores beginning Dec. 1. (Air Force Print News)

Changes making civilian jobs easier to fill

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE,

Texas -- Internal and external job seekers will find some differences when applying for an Air Force nonbargaining career-program position.

Changes announced by Air Force Personnel Center officials include:

- For at least the next year, there are no more six-month or one-year penalties for employees who decline consideration or turn down a position after being selected.
- Effective immediately, existing penalties are waived. The nopenalty policy will be re-evaluated in a year.
- All qualified external candidates for a position can now be referred to the hiring authority. The number of candidates that could be referred used to be limited.
- Position-announcement periods can now be shortened to seven days. Previously there was a 14-day announcement minimum.
- Positions can now be announced any day of the week, not just Fridays.

For more information, visit www.afpc. randolph.af.mil/cpcontact.htm. (Air Force Personnel Center News Service)

Photo of the Week



Photo by Airman 1st Class Franklin Perkins

Fuel test

Staff Sergeants Rasmus James and Gregory Duran, 100th Logistics Readiness Squadron, perform a fuels system icing inhibitor test at Mildenhall AB, England. The test is to ensure the proper amount of fuels system icing inhibitor fluid is present to prevent any water in the fuel from freezing at high altitudes during flights.

NEWS BRIEFS

Around the base

Red Cross dental assisting: The 437th Aeromedical/Dental Operations Squadron Dental Flight is now accepting applications for the next Red Cross Dental Assisting class beginning in January. This program includes a short academic phase followed by a hands-on dental assistance training with a qualified dental assistant. Some duties include preparing a dental treatment room to treat patients, taking and recording vital signs, preparing dental materials for use, passing instruments and medications for restoring teeth, assisting in cleaning and sterilizing dental instruments and some administrative tasks. The program lasts approximately six months with a 40-hour work week starting at 7:30 a.m. and ending at 4:30 p.m. with holidays off. Applications can be picked up at the dental clinic's reception desk. For more information, call Staff Sgt. Zelma García at 963-6842. The deadline for submitting applications is Dec. 4.

FEHB open season: The Federal Employees Health Benefits Open Season runs through Dec. 8. The FEHB guides are available at www.opm.gov/insure/health/. For more information, call Tammie Jones at 963-4474.

Housing office: The Housing Office will be closed Nov. 28. In case of emergencies, call the Fire Department at 963-3777.

Electronic W-2: All military and civilian myPay users will only receive an electronic copy of their W-2 unless they change their preferences under Taxes on the myPay Web site by Dec. 1.

Registration: Registration for all on-base colleges will run Dec. 1 through Dec. 19 at the Base Education Center. For more information, call 963-4575 or 963-7201.

Volunteers needed: The Officers' Spouses Association will be teaming up with Operation Winter Wonderland from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Dec. 2 to help make the holidays a little brighter for some local children. Volunteers are needed to wrap more than 200 presents. Bring

Charleston Warrior of the Week



Staff Sgt. Tonya Quash 17th Airlift Squadron

Staff Sgt. Tonya Quash is an aviation resource management craftsman for the 17th Airlift Squadron. Her duties include updating and monitoring all flying and ground requirements for 17 AS aircrews in order to keep them proficient in the C-17. She likes the interaction with the flyers and fast pace of her job.

The Newport News, Va., native plans to follow in her late cousin's footsteps by becoming a chief master sergeant and receiving her bachelor's degree in criminal justice.

Sergeant Quash joined the Air Force nine years ago for a change in atmosphere and to travel around the world.

She arrived at Charleston AFB two years ago and loves that the base is centrally located. She also enjoys the historical attractions Charleston has to offer.

In her off-duty time, she enjoys working with kids and volunteering.

Sergeant Quash believes lending support to those less fortunate is very important.

a roll of wrapping paper, cookies and a recipe for swapping. Volunteers are requested to call before Wednesday. To volunteer or for more information, call Kim Schatz at 963-5923.

Toys for Tots: The 437th Medical Group Bioenvironmental Engineering Flight is sponsoring a Toys for Tots Fundraiser at 2 p.m. Dec. 6 at the Base Theater during a showing of Finding Nemo. Toy donations are being requested. For more information, call Tech. Sgt. Martha Briggs at 963-5269.

OSI: Air Force Office of Special Investigations will be conducting a recruiting briefing from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 8 in Bldg. 610. Scheduled interviews will occur Dec 9. Anyone interested should bring a Records Review RIP to the Dec. 8 briefing. For more information on AFOSI special agent duty, visit http:/ /www.dtic.mil or call Special Agent Robert Redmon at 963-3248.

AADD: Volunteers are needed to set up Airman Against Drunk Driving here. For more information or to volunteer, e-mail Senior Airman Aaron Stransky at aaron.stransky @charleston.af.mil, or Airman 1st Class Amy Perry at amy.perry@ charleston.af.mil.

Thanksgiving holiday hours

Dining facility and flight kitchen: 11 a.m - 2 p.m., 4 - 6 p.m. Nov. 27, and 4:30 - 7 p.m. Nov. 28

Golf, Starlifter Lanes Bowling Alley and AeroClub: closed

Thursday and open 1 - 7 p.m. Nov. 28 Lodging: normal hours Thursday - Nov. 28

Youth Center: closed Thursday and Nov. 28

Fitness & Sport Center: closed Thursday, and

open 7 a.m. - 6 p.m. Nov. 28

Education Center: closed Thursday Nov. 28

Charleston Club: No bingo Wednesday, closed Thursday, and open 4 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Nov. 28

Child Development Center: closed Thursday, and open Nov. 28 Outdoor Recreation: closed Thursday through Nov. 30

Civil Engineer Squadron: Fire department and standby personnel only

Mission Support Squadron: closed Thursday and Nov. 28, call 412-5646 for emergencies

Logistics Readiness Squadron: closed Thursday and Nov. 28, call 963-5079 for emergencies

Medical Clinic: closed Thursday and Nov. 28 Security Forces Squadron Pass and ID: closed Thursday and

Nov. 28, call 963-3600 for emergencies

Base Exchange: closed Thursday, and

open 6 a.m. - 8 p.m. Nov. 28

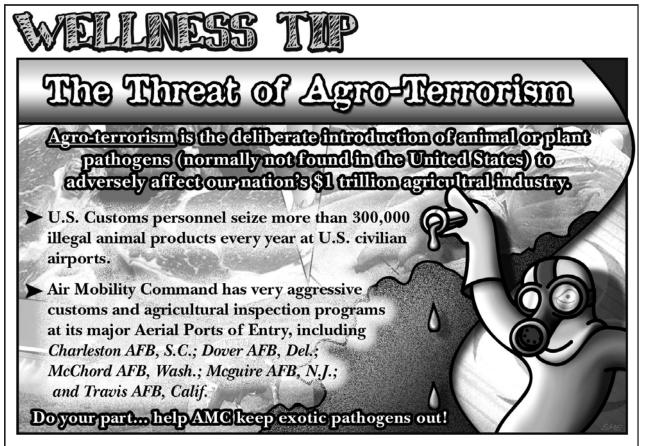
Commissary: closed Thursday, and open 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Nov. 28



Inspection ready

Photo by Airman 1st Class Amy Perry

Airman Latasha Thomas, 437th Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Maintenance general purpose technician, works on an engine. The 437 LRS is one of three finalists in Air Mobility Command competing for the 2003 Major General Warren R. Carter Daedalian Award, which is given to the best LRS in AMC. The command winner goes on to compete at the Air Force level.



Chapel schedule



107 Arthur Drive Office: Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. -4:30 p.m.

Phone: 963-2536.

After duty hours, call the command post at 963-2531 for emergencies only.

Catholic Services: Saturday - 4:15 p.m. Reconciliation, 5 p.m. Mass. Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Mass, 9:30 a.m. Children's Church. Sacrament of Baptism pre-baptismal classes are held the first Sunday of each month at 11 a.m. in the Chapel Annex. Daily Mass is canceled until April 2004.

Protestant Services: Sunday - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Bldg. 245, 11 a.m. Traditional Worship Service and 11 a.m. Children's Church. Sunday - 5 p.m. Contemporary Worship Service. Wednesday - noon Protestant Bible Study.

For information on other faith groups, call the Base Chapel at 963-2536.

Movie schedule

Admission: 99 cents for adults and children. Any person under 17 years of age requires a parent or adult guardian (a minimum of 21 years old) to purchase an admission ticket for the minor to view R-rated movies. The ticket office opens 30 minutes prior to the start of the movie, unless otherwise noted.

Movie schedules are provided by AAFES.



Patrons should call 963-3333 to verify movie titles, running times and start times, which are subject to change.

Today, 7:30 p.m. "School of Rock" – Jack Black

Dewey just got fired from his own rock band. To make matters worse, his roommate, Ned, is being hounded by his girlfriend, Patty, to get Dewey to cough up the rent money he owes. Dewey pretends to be his roommate to make some extra bucks substitute-teaching. Over the course of several weeks, he takes a class of private-school students and molds them into a rocking band. (PG-13) 104 minutes

Saturday, 7:30 p.m. "Intolerable Cruelty" – George Clooney

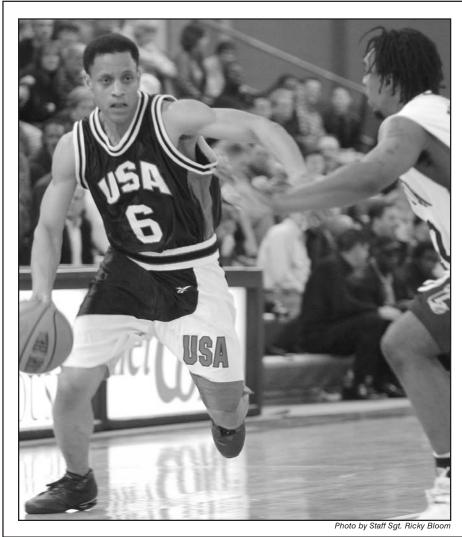
Miles, a divorce lawyer nearing a midlife crisis, meets his match in his client's gold digging wife, Marilyn. He's impressed by her similarly heartless ways of using marriage to fuel an expensive lifestyle, but he still defeats her in court. With Marilyn looking to get her revenge, and Miles finding himself attracted to her, the two engage in a ruthless romantic pursuit to out-swindle each other. (PG-13) 100 minutes

Nov. 28, 7:30 p.m. "Lost in Translation" - Bill Murray (R) 102 minutes

SPORTS & FITNESS

2003 final flag **footballstandings**

Team	Won	Loss
MXS	9	2
AMXS	8	2
LRS	8	2
MDG	8	2
1 CTCS	6	5
APS	6	5
SFS	5	6
FLYERS/OSS	4	6
CES	4	7
CPTS/AW	3	8
NNPTC	2	8
Navy Hosp	0	10



You can't stop this

Craig Marcelin, an Army sergeant from Heidelberg, Germany, dribbles past a College of Charleston defender. The All Armed Forces Basketball team lost to the Cougars 86-63 Nov. 13. The team is going on to the World Military Games In December to represent the U.S. Armed Forces.

Red, White and Blue earns Week 11 honors

By the Gridiron Guru

"The best" pigskin prognosticator

Ron "Red, White and Blue" Desautels entered Monday night's game tied with Gary "Cooper" Palmiter, Karen "High Heels" Wenner, Lawrence 'Skyking" Strother, Tony "The Tiger" McFadden and Kim Patterson with identical 12-3 records, but Desautels was exactly right on the tiebreaker score to claim the Week 11 crown. The Guru gives props to all six for their impressive 13-3 records!

This week's top Stink-Out-Loud winner has got to be the Buffalo Bills, who have not scored a touchdown in three weeks! The Guru asks what's the difference between the Buffalo Bills and a dollar bill? You can still get four quarters out of the dollar bill! Also making the list this week are both New York teams, the Steelers and the Cardinals.

They say football is a game of inches, but that is literally how these teams move the ball on offense.

As promised, I will now unveil the Top 10. The race is very close with the Swami Cup still up for grabs:

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1.	Kenneth Glover	.706
2.	James Blakey	.682
3.	Karen Wenner	.662
4.	Shannon Johnson	.656
5.	Danny Swain	.656
6.	George Thompson	.667
7.	Rob Desautels	.656
8.	Gridiron Guru	.643
9.	Michael Cook	.643
10.	Dave Linquist	.639

This week's hall of shame includes Marty Parnell who forgot to pick a game, "Big" George Knebel who forgot to pick two games and Paul "Lil Penny" Hardaway who forgot to pick five games. Knebel and Hardaway both earned cellar dweller dunce caps for their 5-11 efforts! Now onto my stone-cold, steel-pipe, Week 13 picks!

Gridiron Guru's Week 13 picks

Thursday, Nov. 27

Green Bay @ Detroit

Miami @ Dallas

Sunday, Nov. 27

Arizona @ Chicago Buffalo @ N.Y. Giants Minnesota @ St. Louis

Philadelphia @ Carolina New Orleans @ Washington

Denver @ Oakland Tampa Bay @ Jacksonville

Atlanta @ Houston Cincinnati @ Pittsburgh

New England @ Indianapolis San Francisco @ Baltimore

Cleveland @ Seattle

Kansas City @ San Diego Monday, Nov. 28

Tennessee @ N.Y. Jets

Monday Night total points: Guru's Monday night points: 51

The Gridiron Guru's picks are in bold and italics. Send your picks to <u>swami@charleston.af.mil</u> only. Include your name, phone number and any comments in the e-mail. Picks can no longer be dropped off at the Public Affairs Office. **Picks must be submitted by Wednesday, Nov. 26, 4 p.m. **



Air Force forward Leonard Christo scrambles for the puck after a faceoff.



Air Force goalie Arnold Oulton blocks a shot from a Navy player Saturday. The Air Force beat the Navy 8-4 in the first of three Stingrays military appreciation series at the North Charleston Coliseum.



Photos by Airman 1st Class Jason Bailey

Air Force first line player Denis Paquette breaks away from Navy defenders during the Air Force vs. Navy hockey game Saturday at the North Charleston Coliseum.

Air Force topples Navy 8-4

By Staff Sgt. Jason Smith

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The Charleston AFB ice hockey team skated to an 8-4 victory against Navy Saturday, winning the first game in a best-of-three Stingrays military appreciation series at the North Charleston Coliseum.

The Air Force team jumped out to a quick 2-0 lead before Navy was able to beat Air Force net minder Arnold Oulton. The goals went back and forth until Navy put together a solid second period, tying the game 4-4.

Air Force team captain Jon Connor rallied the team between the periods, and the Air Force came out strong in the third when John Paquette re-directed a pass from Lucas Micheletti past the Navy goal tender.

The Air Force first line of Denis Paquette, Micheletti and John Paquette went on the score two more times in the period, making sure the game was out of reach.

The game was secured as Oulton constructed a wall in front of the net making sure Navy wasn't able to rally. On two separate break away chances, Oulton came out of the crease and challenged the Navy shooters only to deny them with a strong glove hand.

"I was impressed with the way we played," said Connor. "We had some new people out

there who haven't played together yet, and they did real well. I think this is a positive prequel to the upcoming season."

The Air Force team is currently between seasons at the Carolina Ice Palace. The team has just started practicing for games beginning in January. Connor said the team's continual practices and game experiences at the Ice Palace should be apparent to observers when the team battles the Navy again in February.

"There is some real talent on this team, and we will only get better as we work together more," said Connor. "I think we're all looking forward to the next two games with the Navy, and I hope we can bring the first-ever military appreciation cup to CAFB."

Air Force defenseman, Kevin Bosshart, said the defense made a few errors that allowed the Navy to capitalize, but it was still a good, solid performance by the whole Air Force team.

"Our offense was really clicking," said Bosshart. "They're exciting to watch when they start working together so well. Anytime you have that coupled with great goaltending, it takes a lot of pressure off the defense."

The Air Force team is scheduled to play Navy before the Stingrays games Feb. 7 and April 3. The winning team of the series will be presented with the Stingrays Military Appreciation Cup.